Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The bald eagle is a state endangered and federal threatened species in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, and the Department of Agriculture have the responsibility to protect and restore endangered species in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Natural resource management benefits from an informed and involved public; and,

Whereas, Bald Eagle Awareness Days have been conducted since 1993, bringing an educational message about birds of prey to thousands of school-aged children and the public; and,

Whereas, The designation of Bald Eagle Awareness Week would expand the educational message in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The Bald Eagle Awareness Days Steering Committee desires to promote educational activities associated with bald eagles and other birds of prey in connection with Bald Eagle Awareness Week:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 23-29, 2004, as

BALD EAGLE AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State